

## The Watauga Democrat.

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### LOCAL NEWS.

—Pay your taxes and save cost, says the sheriff.

—Trunks of all sizes and prices at H. T. Newland & Co's.

—Messrs. Moretz & Farthing are delivering lumber for a new barn.

—Lelia, little daughter of Mr. R. F. Ragan, of our village, is quite ill with pneumonia.

—Do you want a graphophone? If so, write to Joe C. Moore, Globe, N. C. See ad. in this issue.

—Mrs. T. J. Coffey left last Friday for Mountain City, Tenn., to visit her daughter, Mrs. J. S. Rambo.

—Jesse Adams, of Penley, killed 3 hogs two years old that weighed 1,000 lbs. Pretty good for Jesse.

—The plant here is the only firm in the county doing business under the firm name of Vassas Bros. Bring on your grubs.

—Mr and Mrs. Cox, of Blowing Rock, spent Saturday night in Boone, the company of their daughter, Mrs. Cora Miller.

—Mr. D. Jones Cottrell and sister, Miss Floy, have entered school at Moravian Falls, and will remain there until May.

—Mr. F. P. Moore, of Globe, has gone to Oklahoma, with the intention of locating there, if pleased with the country.

—The first Quarterly meeting for Boone circuit will be held at Fair View on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, Elder Blair presiding.

—Mr. F. Foster and Miss Minnie Vandye were married at the residence of J. L. Kincaid at Deerfield, on Jan. 30th. Squire C. J. Cottrell officiating.

—The board of county commissioners were in session on Monday and Tuesday. The sheriff paid off the county tax, and the general routine of business was gone through with.

—Messrs. Moses H. Cone and Joe B. Clarke left on Monday for Raleigh where they go to insist upon some local legislation touching the welfare of Blowing Rock and vicinity.

—The mass-meeting on Monday, regardless of the bad weather, was fairly well attended, there being men present from all parts of the county. The meeting was, in the main, very harmonious.

—Mr. and Mrs. Moses H. Cone, of New York, in company with Mr. Epps, a Washington contractor, are at Blowing Rock, selecting a site for the mansion Mr. Cone will have erected in the near future.

—At this writing (Wednesday) a regular mountain blizzard is on, and the mercury is hunting for the zero point, with a good prospect

of finding it within the next few hours. The wood at this shop is growing beautifully less. Only a reminder.

—I have notified all my deputies to make one more round and after that time, cost will be charged on all taxes unpaid. I am sorry to do this, but must have the taxes. This is a positive assertion, and must be heeded. W. H. CALAWAY, Sh'ff.

—Mrs. Olive T. Vaughan, of Wisconsin, who has from time to time visited Boone is spending the winter in Lenoir. The News says she has leased a dwelling there for a number of years and will spend the winters there and the summers in the mountains.

—Dr. C. W. Phipps, of Foscue, has purchased G. W. Caudell's farm; Mr. Caudell has purchased J. M. Wagner's farm at Valle Crucis, and Mr. Wagner has bought out M. F. Presnell, Esq., of Foscue. It seems that the people of that section are in a trading humor.

—We are sorry indeed to hear that Mr. W. C. L. Hulcher, of Todd, is suffering from a spinal affection to such an extent that at times his reason is almost dethroned. It is hoped by his many friends that ere long the fearful disease may be checked and that he may be his former self again.

—Mr. McElwee, of Statesville, representing the Mutual Life Insurance Co., of N. Y., has been among our people for a number of days talking Life Insurance. He is representing a good company, is a gentleman of much intelligence and fine social qualities, and we hope he may be able to "write up" many of our citizens before he leaves.

—Mrs. M. E. Holsclaw died at her home at Silverstone on last Saturday evening, after an illness of only a few days. This is a peculiarly sad death, as her husband was at Hallsville, W. Va., when the messenger came, and had not yet returned when she was buried. He certainly has the sympathy of all in this his sad bereavement.

—That weather prophet, the ground hog, has again got us in a snap. He "seed" his "shadder" on the 2nd, and you know the rest. Now for six weeks bad weather, and just to think that this ugly little varment is the cause of it all! Whether or not he is responsible for the mud, we have not been informed by those who believe in this "hogology," but if he is, he deserves severe punishment.

—Recently a Mr. Crawford, of Banner Elk, who is partially deranged, was placed in jail here until he could be sent to the State Hospital at Raleigh. Yesterday morning one Randal an inmate of the prison as a criminal, saw fit to administer to the said Crawford a considerable flogging, leaving many bruises on him. This, in our opinion, is an outrage, and we hope the offender may have to suffer for it.

—Carson Wilson, a lunatic, who has been in the County Home for some time was brought here and delivered to the jail on last Friday. He had become so wild that to manage him was almost impossible. The commissioners this week ordered

that a small house be built for him on the county farm and that the keeper of the poor house be paid \$10 per month for attending to him. His condition is a most pitiable one.

### THE COUNTY MASS-MEETING.

The mass-meeting that was called to meet in Boone on the 6th inst., by request of our Representative, Hon. W. B. Council, was not as largely attended as was anticipated owing to the very inclement weather.

The meeting was called to order by D. B. Dougherty and J. P. Robbins was made Secretary. The object of the meeting was stated by Capt. E. F. Lovill, after which resolutions were offered by Messrs. J. C. Fletcher, Capt. Lovill and others, in regard to instructing our Representative in having a road law enacted for Watauga county.

A very interesting and instructive speech was made by Mr. S. M. Dugger on the grading and constructing of roads, after which Mr. L. D. Lowe being called on read a bill which he had prepared to send to our representative to be enacted into a road law for Watauga county; some features of which caused considerable discussion pro and con especially the article that referred to levying a tax for general road purposes.

Finally it was agreed by the people to levy a tax of 5 cents on the \$100.00, to be levied by the county commissioners under and by the direction of the board of township supervisors. Such tax to be levied only upon the recommendation of such township supervisors at their discretion and to be used only in the township where such tax was levied. Mr. Lowe's bill was adopted with the amendment above referred to, and the said bill is, in the main, a copy of the law in effect before the enactment of the Mecklenburg road law. On motion Mr. Lowe was instructed to send the bill to our representative with the request that same be passed.

The meeting, on motion, then adjourned.  
D. B. DOUGHERTY, Chm.  
J. P. ROBBINS, Sec.

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Send your address to H. E. Bucklen & Co., Chicago, and get a free sample box of Dr. King's New Life Pills. A trial will convince you of their merits. These pills are easy in action and are particularly effective in the cure of constipation and sick headache. For malaria and liver troubles they have been proved invaluable. They are guaranteed to be perfectly free from every deleterious substance and to be purely vegetable. They do not weaken by their action, but by giving tone to the stomach and bowels greatly invigorate the system. Regular size 25c. per box. Sold by M. B. Blackburn.

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Jan. 12.

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So much misery and so many deaths have been caused by the Grip, that every one should know what a wonderful remedy for this malady is found in Dr. King's New Discovery. That distressing stubborn cough, that inflames your throat, robs you of sleep, weakens your system and paves the way for consumption is quickly stopped by this matchless cure. If you have chills and fever, pain in the back of the head, soreness in bones and muscles, sore throat, and that cough that grips your throat like a vice, you need Dr. King's New Discovery to cure your Grip, and prevent pneumonia or consumption. Price 50cts. and \$1.00. Money back if not cured. A trial bottle free at M. B. Blackburn's.

### NOTICE.

I find, filed in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court, a great many deeds belonging to different persons which have not been probated and if the parties want their deeds fixed up and registered, they will please come and make some arrangement about them or come and get their deeds and take care of them, as it is a great deal of trouble to keep on hand a great bunch of papers, and there is no room in the county safe to put them in. Yours respectfully, JOHN H. BINGHAM, Clerk Superior Court.

### NOTICE.

The people of North Carolina are hereby notified that at the present we have no person out to buy ivy grubs, or bond territory for us. Anyone presenting himself in our name may be considered a fraud and will be duly prosecuted by the law, as we are not responsible for their promises or actions. Good people take good care of yourselves.

VASSAS BROS.  
Feb. 2, '99.

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The term will continue for 6 months.  
Tuition and board reasonable.  
For particulars, address  
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Quartered oak 1 inch thick.

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Oak squares 4 X 4, 26 inches long, or in lengths to cut 26 inches without waste. Also 3 1/4 X 3 1/4 30 inches long.

Poplar and ashe squares 5 X 5 and up, long.

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1899.

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### Staple Goods

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### Clothing.

If you need anything in this line; we can suit you in style, fabric and prices. If you are in need of a suit you had better examine our stock as we are selling them at

### Bottom PRICES.

Our stock of  
Boots,  
Shoes,  
Hats,  
Caps,  
Underwear,  
etc. etc., is  
full and complete.

### Groceries,

A full line of sugar, coffee, rice, oatmeal, canned goods, etc. always on hand and at living prices.

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Both shelf and heavy continually in stock. Full line of cook stoves in stock and heating stoves furnished on short notice. Bacon, flour, lard, rice, etc. in stock.

YOURS FOR TRADE,

**H. T. NEWLAND & CO.**

Blowing Rock, Jan. 8, '99.

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Good Green Coffee, 10 cts.  
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Our grocery line consists of  
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in advance for same, we are,  
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Banner Elk, N. C., Dec. 10.



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